



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Communiqué



November 8, 2013

Dear GGSDA Saints!

First, above all, don't forget: This is one of our biggest Sabbaths of the year, with the GARY BONNER SINGERS coming from Riverside. They are always fantastic, and we expect the church to be full. A great worship service to invite somebody to.

Second, I wish you could feel the buzz that is flowing through the offices of GGSDA as we go into a higher gear with the newly voted 3-year Master Plan. The Board has voted it, but we are looking for a time to invite the entire church to discuss it, revise it, and eventually add their approval to it. David Kharns is giving us three months as our Operations Director, trying to help us get this fantastic Master Plan off paper and into full operational reality!

1. A great new Small Groups initiative will be announced tomorrow and there will be a booth in the Lobby.
2. We signed a contract with a great Church Management system, that will help us keep track of all our groups and so, so much more, and everybody is updating their lists to upload this week. Over 250 young adult names. 50-60 Vietnamese. Youth. Filipino. Our Visitor/Interest file.
3. Church Facilities discussed and voted on at least 20 separate items this week, as we work constantly to make our church facilities excellent at every level.
4. Grace University--Our team dedicated to mission and outreach, giving Bible studies will meet Tuesday night this week, 7:30 pm, and Paula Hollmon has agreed to be our Administrator!
5. Our Vietnamese Fellowship meets every week with between 50-60 now, with 18-20 in SS at 3 o'clock. Just amazing. The Filipino Fellowship is following suit with their own worship in the afternoon at 2:30, AFTER they have already worshipped us in the English service, and had 40 in their first service!
6. Elder Gerald Penick came down to meet with us, checked out his new office, and will begin to move things in and get settled, even though he will not begin officially until January.
7. In 2 weeks we will have our final interview for Young Adult Pastor, and we hope that by Nov. 25 a decision will have been made, and then we will pray that God will impress the right one to accept our call!

Now for the Weekend

THE WAY: Pastor Sara-May is giving the message for their new series tonight: "I'M IN!" Food at 7 pm, then the band and the message, and then time to hang out. If you have teens at home, give yourself a chance to pass on your faith to your next generation and get in the car and bring them down!

SANCTUARY (9:30): For our contemporary worship service, we will have one of our all-time favorites, **Elder Iki Taimi**, speaking. Pastor Iki just got ordained and a number of us slipped up to be there and I got to help lay hands on him! His message continues the "Against the Grain!" Series: **"Live Life Like You Mean It!" (Take courage to go against the grain.)** The band was just great in their rehearsal last night, get there at 9:15, grab some breakfast, and be there when the band strikes the first note!

YOUNG ADULT STUDY (10:30): "How does life look like after we are forgiven? What expectations do we tend to have regarding the way we are supposed to live once we have accepted Jesus as our Savior? Are they realistic, or not? How does a Christian--who is supposed to be walking with Jesus, but who falls of the path--find the courage to get up off the ground and continue on? When do we reach the point of remission, that is, when do we no longer return to our old idols and addictions? Bring a friend and join us! We'll have breakfast and fellowship starting at 10:30 a.m.

SABBATH SCHOOLS (10:30): From Cradle Roll to Youth and Young Adults, from Filipino, North Room, Library, and Pastor's Bible Class--find a SS that works for you!

SECOND SERVICE (11:30): Move quickly from SS to get a seat, and be ready to not miss any of the Gary Bonner Singers. We also have a terrific young man, **Jeffrey Laabs**, getting baptized, and **Gaby Silva** joining by Profession of Faith. A great worship service!

FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP: Youth Chapel, 2:30 to 3:45.

VIETNAMESE FELLOWSHIP: Youth Chapel, 4:00 to 6:00.

VESPERS TONIGHT: Join the choir at 4:30 tonight as we close out the Sabbath with a hymn sing-a-long. You are also invited to come early (at 3:30) if you'd like to practice a couple of songs with the choir that we'll then perform at the Vespers program. This is the opportunity for anyone who has ever thought they'd like to sing with the choir to check us out. We hope to see you there.

ORANGWOOD TALENT SHOW: 7 pm, Orangewood Academy.
Many of our own kids are always the stars of this, come and cheer them on!

THIS WEEK:

- Tuesday night, 6:30: Worship Committee, Boardroom
- Tuesday night, 7:30: Grace University, FH
- Thursday night, 8:00, Choir, Boardroom
- Sabbath 9:30 service: Pastor Sara-May Colon
- Sabbath 11:30 service: Pastor Dan Smith
- Sabbath, 11:30, Children's Church
- Spanish Fellowship Potluck, 1-3 pm, Boardroom
- Sabbath 3:00 pm: Ron Reynolds Memorial Service, FH

COMING UP:

Nov. 22-23, Young Adult Candidate speaking for all services
Lunch for Young Adults, visitors, and invited guests, FH
Roundtable Interview, 2:30, FH
Nov. 23, Small Groups Training, 4-6 pm, Boardroom
Nov. 23, Young Adult & Youth Thanksgiving Banquet, 7 pm, FH
Nov. 29-30, Michael Tuazon Evangelism, "MESSAGES FROM THE MASTER"

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH THANKSGIVING BANQUET: Saturday night, Nov. 23, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall:

"Thanksgiving is right around the corner! So much to be thankful for. Let's have a BANQUET! Let's celebrate Thanksgiving you and I by having a banquet for us young adults, collegiate and youth. Let's make it a Thanksgiving to remember, a Thanksgiving full of all our friends... A Thanksgiving Banquet!!! We will have catered food for you to enjoy as well as entertainment. This is a formal banquet so ladies... come with your dresses and guys... put on your best suit! Come to meet new people and make new friends. Bring a friend, come alone, bring a date... but come as we will all hang out together as friends! We are putting it together for you! Yes you! Child-care will be provided for those with kids. Your Thanksgiving Banquet will be happening Saturday 23rd at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Tickets are \$5 by Saturday November 16th and \$12 thereafter. Looking forward to seeing you =)."

CHILDREN MINISTRY: "We are proud to announce Garden Grove's first Activity Newsletter issue for children. We encourage all children to write a short spiritual story/testimony about their experience with Jesus and church. Any other ideas the children may have please forward them to childrensministry@gardengrovesda.com or I can be contacted directly at familylifeminister@gardengrovesda.com. Please enjoy this Newsletter!" *Blessings - Pastor Michelle*

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Sabbath, November 16 at 11:30 a.m. We are excited to announce this year's theme for Children's Church: **THE PRINCE OF LIFE**. Come and enjoy learning about the life of Jesus and His wonderful parables. Activities, crafts and snack time will follow. Please enjoy a coloring page for this month's topic: [The Boy Jesus in the Temple as found in Luke 2:40-52.](#)

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YOUTH:



the Way @ Friday 7:00pm

the Way is on this Friday. We will continue our new series "I'm IN" and I (Sara-May) am speaking and can't wait to see you all there!

Bring a friend. Pizza will be served at 7pm.

the Way is a Youth focused Friday night vespers program. We love to fellowship over food, music and hearing his Word. Age focus:
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